

**ABSTRACT**

A system and method for graphically displaying the lifetimes of individual orders, quotes and trades as they are received via data feed in real-time from a market center or data provider are described. The system displays the market on a two dimensional canvas with orders, trades, and prices represented by graphic symbols that allow the trader to follow the movement and fluctuation of the market with ease. The trader can place his orders and view them in context of all the other orders. The trader can then enter and cancel orders using this display and the special hints it provides. The orders can be routed to a specific destination based on the information entered via this display by mouse, keyboard, or joystick.